

EXPANSIONS, CONTRACTIONS AND LABOR DISPUTES

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EXPANSIONS, OPENINGS, RECALLS:

ADELITA'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT is being proposed for the Camillus Commons Plaza at 5241 W. Genesee Street (Onondaga County). The town of Camillus planning board is reviewing the site plan.

ALOHA KRAB, a Cajun seafood chain, has opened a new location at the Destiny USA mall in Syracuse (Onondaga County).

It was reported on April 19, 2021, that AMERICAN FASHION NETWORK, a small fashion design firm on Heritage Landing Drive in DeWitt (Onondaga County), has won a five-year \$46.8 million contract from the U.S. Marine Corps to produce a new line of fitness training uniforms for service members. The federal contract has allowed the company to hire five new employees at its design studio and they will seek to fill three more openings in DeWitt. The business directly employs 16 people at its DeWitt headquarters and in satellite offices in Los Angeles and Milwaukee.

The ANGRY SMOKEHOUSE southern-style barbecue restaurant opened on February 21, 2023, at 33 Water Street in Baldwinsville (Onondaga County).

Onondaga County Executive Ryan McMahon has proposed building an \$85 million AQUARIUM at Syracuse's Inner Harbor. On August 2, 2022, the proposal was approved by the county legislature.

Construction could begin in summer 2023 and the aquarium could open in 2025. The 80,000-square-foot aquarium would create hundreds of construction and permanent jobs.

ATHLETA, a national fitness clothing chain, will open a new store in the Towne Center at Fayetteville (Onondaga County).

AUBURN COMMUNITY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION plans to open a branch at 7538 Oswego Road (Route 57) in Clay (Onondaga County) by mid-summer 2023. The location will employ five to ten people.

It was reported at the beginning of June 2020 that BLUE WHITE ROBOTICS is planning to open an office in The Tech Garden business accelerator in downtown Syracuse (Onondaga County). The company plans to station an operations, marketing, and sales team at the office. It will employ 30 people under a five-year plan. The company has developed software that allows one person to remotely operate multiple unmanned aerial or ground vehicles to provide agricultural services quicker.

It was reported on September 15, 2021, that the Onondaga County Industrial Development Agency has approved \$433,677 in tax exemptions for a new wastewater treatment plant that will allow BYRNE DAIRY to expand production at its Ultra Dairy facility in DeWitt (Onondaga County). The new treatment plant at the

facility should be operational by spring 2022. The facility currently employs 213 people, and the company expects to add 10 jobs at the plant within two years after the project.

A new BYRNE DAIRY & DELI convenience store and gas station opened on August 31, 2022, at 491 Electronics Parkway in Salina (Onondaga County). Twenty-five employees have been hired.

CAFÉ KUBAL coffee shop will open a new location at the corner of East Colvin Street and Julian Place in Syracuse (Onondaga County) in early May 2023.

CAYUGA MILK INGREDIENTS milk plant in Aurelius (Cayuga County) is planning a \$150 million expansion project that will create 74 new jobs paying an average of \$70,000 a year. CMI is a farmer-owned dairy processing company currently employing 91 people. The company plans to add aseptic beverages to its product line that use sterilization equipment to provide increased shelf life. It plans to break ground on the project in spring 2023. The project would also support more than 400 construction jobs.

A CHICK-FIL-A restaurant opened in the Chittenango Travel Plaza on the New York State Thruway (Madison County) in September 2022.

A 2,800-square-foot CHICK-FIL-A drive-thru restaurant is being proposed for the Sweetheart Corners intersection in North Syracuse and Clay (Onondaga County).

A CHICK-FIL-A drive-thru restaurant has been approved by the town of DeWitt planning board. It will be located at the corner of Erie Boulevard East and Bridge

Street in DeWitt (Onondaga County). Construction will be starting soon.

A CHIPOTLE restaurant opened on November 29, 2022, in the Towne Center at Fayetteville (Onondaga County).

Construction is underway on a CHIPOTLE MEXICAN GRILL restaurant on Plaza Drive in the town of Sennett (Cayuga County). It will open at the end of August 2023.

CRUMBL COOKIES opened a location in the Marshall's Plaza in DeWitt (Onondaga County) on December 1, 2022. They will also open a location at 8395 Oswego Road in Clay (Onondaga County) in late summer or early fall 2023. The location will hire 50 to 60 workers including managers, bakers, shift leaders, quality trainers and crew members. The national chain sells homemade gourmet cookies and premium ice cream.

Plastics products maker CURRIER PLASTICS INC. has purchased another building in Cayuga County on Crane Brook Drive in Aurelius. The company will add 50 jobs at the location over the next two to three years. Construction work on the site should be completed in the first quarter of 2023. Carrier currently employs 260 workers.

CXTEC Inc. plans to move its headquarters and 100 jobs from Salina to the City Center building in Downtown Syracuse (Onondaga County) on July 1, 2023. The company's headquarters house its corporate, accounting, financing, sales, marketing, and information technology operations. The technology hardware company plans to add 25 new jobs with the move to the new headquarters. The company refurbishes used computers and networking equipment

and sells them. It also provides maintenance services for the hardware and sells cabling for data centers. Empire State Development has agreed to give the company a grant of up to \$1 million and up to \$1 million in tax credits under the state's Excelsior Jobs Tax Credit Program.

DALDROP SBB, a cleanroom manufacturer for pharmaceutical industries, is building a new manufacturing facility at the L. Michael Treadwell Oswego County Industrial Park in Schroepfel (Oswego County). The German company has operations in both Salina and DeWitt (Onondaga County). They plan to consolidate those operations into the new site when it is complete later in 2023. Empire State Development is offering the company a grant and an Excelsior jobs program incentive. The firm is committed to adding at last 20 new jobs.

DAVE'S HOT CHICKEN wants to open a restaurant at 7915 Brewerton Road (Route 11) in Cicero (Onondaga County). The franchise specializes in Nashville hot chicken tenders and sliders. The Cicero planning board is working on sign requirements and parking before the proposal can be approved.

DELTA SONIC has proposed building a large car wash, gas station and convenience store at 3809 Route 31 in Clay (Onondaga County).

It was reported on December 13, 2021, that the people-counting start-up company called DENSITY employs a total of 200 people at all its locations, a 300% gain since the beginning of 2021. The company expects to double its workforce over the next 12 months. Its manufacturing center in downtown Syracuse (Onondaga County) employs 30 people, which is double what it employed at the start of the pandemic. The

company's people-counting infrared sensor technology has soared during the coronavirus pandemic as businesses use the technology to measure occupancy levels at their establishments.

It was reported on July 20, 2022, that Onondaga County has entered a contract to sell the closed ShoppingTown Mall property in DeWitt to OHB Redev LLC for \$8 million. The deal is contingent on OHB acquiring the former Sears and Macy's stores at the mall since they are independently owned. OHB will redevelop the property into a \$400 million project called DISTRICT EAST which focuses on turning the property into five distinct but blended areas that include housing, entertainment, restaurants, hospitality, retail, and office space. Approximately 950 construction jobs would be created over the course of the redevelopment and almost 1,500 on-site jobs are projected once the redevelopment is completed. Construction is expected to begin in 2023 and last five to seven years.

DRY GOODS USA, a subsidiary of Von Maur Department Store, will open a store at Destiny USA mall in Syracuse (Onondaga County) in fall 2023. The national clothing retailer sells junior women's fashion including clothing, jewelry, and accessories.

It was reported on January 28, 2022, that DUNN TIRE CORP. is planning to build a \$5.9 million tire warehouse in Hancock Airpark in Cicero (Onondaga County). It will replace a smaller distribution facility on Steelway Boulevard in Clay (Onondaga County). The new facility will employ 50 people, which is 11 more than the current facility. The facility will distribute tires to car dealers, service stations and other customers. The Onondaga County Industrial Development Agency has approved

\$572,325 in tax breaks for the new warehouse.

EMERALD COCKTAIL KITCHEN opened on June 18, 2023, at 1333 W. Fayette Street in Syracuse's Tipperary Hill neighborhood (Onondaga County). It is a three-story cocktail lounge with a rooftop bar.

EMPIRE POLYMER SOLUTIONS in Van Buren (Onondaga County) plans to increase its employment from 30 to 70 people by 2025. The company recycles used industrial and consumer plastic products. Entry-level wages for production workers at the facility start at \$16.50 an hour.

An ETHAN ALLEN furniture store opened in the Marshall's Plaza in DeWitt (Onondaga County) on November 30, 2022.

FELIX SCHOELLER NORTH AMERICA is investing more than \$20 million in a new coating operation in Pulaski (Oswego County). The company recently secured a payment-in-lieu of taxes agreement from the County of Oswego Industrial Development Agency for the project. The tax agreement will help support the creation of 30 new jobs and retain 145 existing positions over the next 5 years. Construction and equipment installation for the project will be completed by August 2023. The business is a manufacturer of specialty papers and engineered products.

FLYNNSTONED recreational marijuana retail store opened on June 16, 2023, at 219 Walton Street in Armory Square in Syracuse (Onondaga County). The store has 27 full-time employees.

It was reported on December 14, 2021, that FOTOKITE, a drone company housed in The Tech Garden in Syracuse (Onondaga County), has submitted a plan to the state

where it would get \$5 million in state funds if the company spends \$21 million to develop a tethered drone manufacturing facility and add 200 jobs in Syracuse. The company is proposing the location of the manufacturing facility to be at the former Syracuse Development Center which is now owned by the city of Syracuse.

It was reported on June 25, 2021, that a large warehouse and distribution center is being proposed in DeWitt (Onondaga County) that would house the snack food division of PEPSI CO., ROLLING FRITO-LAY SALES. The 75,000-square-foot building would be built on the site of the NVG Industrial Campus at 6600 New Venture Gear Drive. The industrial campus is owned by ONX1 LLC. The town is beginning its review of the plan. The developer (Index Investment Group) would like construction to begin as soon as possible on the project and would like to turn the building over to the tenant by the end of 2021.

FS DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES is planning a nearly \$20 million redevelopment project to build 59 apartments in Syracuse's Franklin Square (Onondaga County). Thirty-nine of the apartments will be in the former Merrell-Soule Co. building, also known as the Dupli building. The other 20 apartments will be in the former Syracuse Scale Co. building. In addition to the apartments, there will also be development of office space, store space, and an expansion of a climbing gym. The Syracuse Industrial Development Agency has approved \$4.9 million in tax incentives for the project. Thirty-eight additional jobs will be created by the new development at both buildings. Work is scheduled to begin in early 2022.

It was reported on October 24, 2022, that entertainment retail store FYE recently opened at Destiny USA mall in Syracuse (Onondaga County). The store sells brand name collectibles, apparel, candy, plush, home décor, and other items.

GONG CHA bubble tea is opening a shop at 142 Walton Street in Syracuse's Armory Square (Onondaga County) in late summer 2023.

It was reported on October 24, 2022, that a new OB/GYN women's health clinic called GUTHRIE CORTLAND OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY has opened at 141 Groton Avenue in Cortland (Cortland County).

A 56,000 square-foot HANNAFORD supermarket is being proposed at 547 E. Genesee Street in Fayetteville (Onondaga County).

Central New York developer HART-LYMAN COS. signed a contract to purchase the troubled Great Northern Mall in Clay (Onondaga County) and the deal to purchase the mall was completed at the end of July 2023. The developer wants to transform the mall into a "town center" with luxury apartments and townhomes, offices, a movie theater and hotel, high-end shops, and restaurants. The developer is also partnering with real estate company Conifer Realty on the project.

HII'S (HUNTINGTON INGALLS INDUSTRIES) Mission Technologies division will become an anchor tenant at the renovated City Center in downtown Syracuse (Onondaga County) on South Salina Street and create more than 80 new jobs. The company is an all-domain defense and technologies firm. HII expects to be

operational in the new location in March 2023.

A Syracuse startup called HIDDEN LEVEL has developed a system that detects small, low-flying drones that radars can't see. It was reported on July 5, 2021, that the company has recently raised \$17.6 million in investment funding, bringing the total amount of venture capital it has raised to \$21 million. The new funding will allow the company to double its staff within the next 18 months and advance development of its sensor technology and services. The company currently employs 20 people and has 12 openings for procurement, business development, engineering, finance, and program management positions.

IMPEL, a company that creates digital engagement software for car dealers, expects to double its workforce by 2025. The company employs 200 people with 80 of those employees at its headquarters in Icon Tower in downtown Syracuse (Onondaga County). The company plans to move into the City Center building in downtown Syracuse on November 1, 2023 to accommodate its need for more space.

At least 350 new jobs will be coming to the City of Cortland (Cortland County) over the next five years as ISPICE, a leading company in processing, supplying, and importing spices, will move into the former Voyant manufacturing facility.

JMA WIRELESS announced plans to relocate manufacturing jobs from Texas to downtown Syracuse (Onondaga County). The company is the first American company to make 5G equipment. They renovated the historic Coyne Building on Cortland Ave. with a \$25 million investment. The campus spans the block and includes 200 jobs. Jobs consist of manufacturing, business, and

technology positions, including assembly, logistics, technicians, and engineering jobs. The facility opened the week of February 28, 2022. It was reported on December 7, 2022, that the company is planning a \$24 million expansion at its facility to build a logistics center that will add 40 more jobs.

It was reported on June 17, 2022, that J.W. DIDADO ELECTRICAL LLC will build its New York headquarters at the corner of Morgan and Wetzel roads in Clay (Onondaga County), creating 18 jobs. The Ohio-based electrical contractor designs and builds electrical substations; maintains and repairs high voltage transmission lines; and provides power restoration services to major utilities during storms. The jobs will pay between \$40,000 and \$140,000 a year. The company will receive nearly \$680,000 in tax breaks from the Onondaga County Industrial Development Agency.

LALOR FAMILY DENTAL will open a dentist office at 3112 Erie Blvd. E. in DeWitt (Onondaga County).

It was reported on November 22, 2022, that LOBSTER BABE seafood restaurant has opened at 466 Wescott Street in Syracuse (Onondaga County).

It was reported on March 30, 2022, that defense contractor LOCKHEED MARTIN'S plant in Salina (Onondaga County) has won a U.S. Air Force contract to produce a new generation of long-range radars that will create or sustain hundreds of jobs over the next decade. The company currently has more than 100 job openings available, mostly for high-paying engineering jobs. The company currently employs 1,961 workers in Salina. It was reported on April 1, 2022, that LOCKHEED MARTIN'S Salina plant has also won a U.S. Army contract extension deal worth up to

\$1.6 billion over the next five years to produce Q-53 mobile radars that detect incoming rocket, mortar, and artillery fire. The new five-year deal will help sustain existing jobs at the facility. It was reported on February 17, 2023, that LOCKHEED MARTIN'S Salina plant will hire 300 more workers in 2023 to support new and existing defense contracts. New jobs will be for engineering and manufacturing positions. Most of the new jobs will be for engineering positions including system, software, hardware, power, radio frequency, and mechanical engineers. The new jobs will bring employment up to 2,300 at the local plant.

LOTTE GLOBAL, a South Korean conglomerate, has bought the Bristol Myers Squibb pharmaceutical plant in East Syracuse (Onondaga County) for \$160 million. Lotte will add about 70 jobs to the plant's 450-person workforce and invest \$77 million to expand its manufacturing capacity. Lotte plans to make the East Syracuse site its North American headquarters for its new biologics business. Biologics are pharmaceutical drugs made from living organisms.

It was reported on July 4, 2022, that manufacturer MARQUARDT SWITCHES in Cazenovia (Madison County) is currently hiring for several positions as it expands its business and enters the drone industry. It is hiring engineers, production associates and business development positions.

A MICHAELS craft store opened a location on December 3, 2022, in the Auburn Plaza at 217 Grant Avenue (Cayuga County).

MICRON TECHNOLOGY INC. will open a large computer memory chip manufacturing campus at the White Pine Commerce Park in Clay (Onondaga County) that will create

9,000 direct jobs and an additional 40,000 spin-off jobs. The company will invest \$100 billion over 20 years. Site preparation work began in 2023 and major construction will start in 2024. Substantial hiring is expected to begin in 2025 with initial production starting in 2026.

On April 5, 2021, energy company NOCO opened a Syracuse office at 1300 Wolf Street called NOCO EAST. The Syracuse office employs 11 people and is hiring now for drivers, HVAC technicians and sales positions. The company anticipates tripling the number of employees at its Syracuse office within the next two years. The company is headquartered in the Buffalo area.

National auto parts retailer O'REILLY AUTO PARTS will open a new store in the Empire Plaza at 3160 Erie Blvd. East in DeWitt (Onondaga County). The store is moving into the location that is being vacated by Natur-Tyme.

Developer Strategic Domains LLC plans to open a craft brewery called OSWEGO BEER PROJECT at 246 W. Seneca Street in the City of Oswego (Oswego County). Empire State Development has awarded the project \$500,000 in state grants and tax credits.

PATHFINDER BANK has opened a bank branch with community meetings rooms in a 110-year-old mansion at 506 W. Onondaga Street in Syracuse (Onondaga County). Up to seven people work at the branch.

POPEYES fast-food chicken restaurant opened a location at 167 Marshall Street in Syracuse (Onondaga County) on November 11, 2022.

POPEYES fast-food chicken restaurant opened on September 2, 2022, at 7980 Brewerton Road (Route 11) in the town of Cicero (Onondaga County).

Developer Liberty Restaurants wants to build a POPEYES restaurant on Grant Avenue in Auburn (Cayuga County).

A POPEYES restaurant opened in Oswego (Oswego County) on September 19, 2022. The restaurant is located on the corner of State Route 104 and George Street on Oswego's east side.

A PROJECT LEANNATION franchise will open in Township 5 in Camillus (Onondaga County) in early 2023. The health food store sells frozen pre-packaged, portion-controlled meals and other items.

RACHEL'S MEDITERRANEAN GRILL opened a location at 3514 W. Genesee Street in Camillus (Onondaga County) in July 2023. It is a fast-casual restaurant chain specializing in Mediterranean-inspired bowls and wraps.

A members-only wholesale distributor and retailer selling food and supplies to restaurants is building a location in Salina (Onondaga County). RESTAURANT DEPOT is building a 49,000-square-foot business at 1308 Buckley Road. The business will employ 35 full-time workers. The location is expected to open in late summer or early fall of 2023.

It was reported on May 17, 2023, that SAAB, INC. has about 150 job openings with the majority being in Syracuse (Onondaga County). The new jobs include engineering, software systems, and mechanical manufacturing positions. The defense contractor manufactures and tests

radar systems for branches of the U.S. military.

SEPHORA opened a store in the Towne Center at Fayetteville (Onondaga County) on June 23, 2023. It is a national retail chain selling cosmetics, skincare, haircare, and fragrances.

Craft beer brewer SINGLECUT BEERSMITHS opened a beer taproom with limited food options in May 2023 at 604 E. Seneca Street (Route 173) in Manlius (Onondaga County).

Developer Norm Swanson is proposing to build an 88-room Hilton Brand hotel called SKANEATELES LODGE at 1046 Old Seneca Turnpike in the town of Skaneateles. He is seeking \$1.2 million in tax breaks for the project. The hotel is scheduled to open in fall 2023. It would open with 34 full-time or full-time equivalent jobs, including managerial, service, and clerical positions. By the third year of operation, it would have 49 jobs.

A SLEEP NUMBER retail store is being built at 3485 Erie Blvd. E. in DeWitt (Onondaga County). The store will sell mattresses, bedding, pillows, and other sleep-related items.

It was reported on September 14, 2021, that Onondaga County Executive Ryan McMahon has proposed building a \$25 million tournament-quality SOCCER AND LACROSSE COMPLEX at Hopkins Road Park in Salina. Ten fields, including one indoors, would be built at the county-owned site. Youth teams from throughout the Northeast would be invited to tournaments at the complex. A management firm would be sought to run the facility. The County Legislature would need to approve the plan. A consultant predicted by the fourth year of

operation, the facility could create the equivalent of 400 full-time direct and spin-off jobs.

SPLASH CAR WASH will open a location at 1001 East Brighton Avenue in Syracuse (Onondaga County). It will employ four people.

SPLASH INDOOR WATER PARK RESORT opened on June 23, 2023, at 92 East First Street in the Clarion Hotel & Suites Riverfront in Oswego (Oswego County). The nearly 20,000 square-foot facility includes water slides, a splash pad, an activity pool, an arcade, dining options, and a gift shop.

It was reported on December 9, 2022, that a STARBUCKS shop will be built at the intersection of Buckley and Elwood Davis Road in the town of Salina (Onondaga County).

A STARBUCKS coffee shop is being proposed for the Camillus Commons Plaza at 5241 W. Genesee Street (Onondaga County). The town of Camillus planning board is reviewing the site plan.

A STARBUCKS coffee shop with a drive-thru is being proposed at 5357 W. Taft Road in North Syracuse (Onondaga County). North Syracuse village planners are reviewing the site plan.

A new TACO BELL fast-food restaurant opened on March 29, 2023, at 962 East Brighton Avenue in Syracuse (Onondaga County). It employs 50 workers.

A new craft beer-centric bar called TAPHOUSE ON WALTON will open in summer 2023 at 165 Walton Street in Syracuse's Armory Square (Onondaga County).

On September 15, 2020, TCGPLAYER in downtown Syracuse (Onondaga County) announced plans to create 100 full-time jobs over the next year. The company has created a global online marketplace for trading card games. They will now expand into other collectibles like comic books and sports cards. The company is recruiting for a chief marketing officer and jobs in technology, product management, fulfillment, and leadership positions. As of July 11, 2022, the company employed 450 workers in Syracuse and 600 total. Interested job candidates can apply online at careers.tcgplayer.com/job-openings.

It was reported on September 22, 2022, that the first electric vehicle-only service center is being proposed in Onondaga County. TESLA ELECTRIC CAR SERVICE CENTER would be located at 5427 North Burdick Street in the town of Manlius. The facility is undergoing renovations and an addition to the existing building.

Developers Chino and Evelyn Ingram of Simply Ingram LLC plan to turn a vacant church on the corner of South Salina and West Colvin streets in Syracuse (Onondaga County) into an \$8 million event venue called THE CASTLE featuring elegant event space, an upscale lounge, and a training center. The facility will employ 13 full-time and 29 part-time workers. The project is receiving a \$1.2 million state grant from Empire State Development. The state has also awarded the developer a \$1 million grant from its Restore New York Communities Initiative. The developer hopes to begin renovations in 2024.

THE SONG & DANCE nightclub opened on August 4, 2023, at 115 E. Jefferson Street in Syracuse (Onondaga County). It features musical acts, dance parties, comedy shows, a full bar, and limited food.

THE TALLMAN COCKTAIL CO. opened at the end of December 2022 at 219 W. Fayette Street in Syracuse (Onondaga County). It features mixed drinks, wine, beer, finger foods, and small bites.

THE WHISKEY COOP restaurant will open at 120 Walton Street in Syracuse's Armory Square (Onondaga County) in spring 2023. It is a "fried chicken and bourbon joint" that will serve burgers too.

An article on February 12, 2020, stated that TRACEY ROAD EQUIPMENT INC. in DeWitt (Onondaga County) announced a 31,000-square-foot addition to its headquarters due to needing more space. The company is a heavy-duty truck and construction equipment dealer. The expansion will create 30 new jobs over the next five years. The new jobs will pay from \$35,000 to \$45,000 a year. Tracey currently employs 140 people in DeWitt.

In November 2019, a proposed five-story, nearly 3.8-million-square-foot distribution center off Morgan Road in Clay (Onondaga County) received final approval from the Clay Planning Board. In November 2019, the Clay Town Board granted the \$350 million project a needed zone change. TRAMMELL CROW CO. began construction in the spring of 2020 and will complete the building in winter 2021. It was announced on May 18, 2020, that AMAZON will be the tenant for the building and will lease the building from TRAMMELL CROW so that it can open a fulfillment center for small consumer products. AMAZON will hire 1,500 workers to staff the site. Ninety percent of the jobs will be for warehouse workers. It was reported on September 16, 2021, that AMAZON will start hiring for warehouse associate jobs within two to three weeks. The company has already begun hiring for

leadership and technical positions. Entry-level jobs will pay between \$16.50 and \$18.90 an hour (depending on shift) with benefits including dental, vision and health insurance starting on the first day of employment. Jobs are listed at [hiring.amazon.com](https://www.hiring.amazon.com). The facility opened on May 1, 2022. The facility is ramping up employment and as of September 22, 2022, another 1,000 workers had been hired, bringing total employment up to 2,500 and the company would like to have a total of 3,000 employees by Thanksgiving 2022. The facility is one of the largest warehouses in the world.

TROPICAL SMOOTHIE CAFÉ opened on May 17, 2023, at 7987 Brewerton Road in Cicero (Onondaga County). The national chain features smoothies, wraps, sandwiches, and flatbreads.

A TULLY'S GOOD TIMES restaurant opened in fall 2022 in Fayetteville's Towne Center (Onondaga County).

The Onondaga County Industrial Development Agency (OCIDA) is planning the development of an industrial park called WHITE PINE SOUTH on Route 31 in Clay (Onondaga County). The industrial park will be for spinoff development connected to Micron Technology's planned semiconductor plant nearby. OCIDA has awarded a \$15,000 contract to the Barton and Loguidice engineering firm for planning, environmental and engineering services related to the industrial park.

LAYOFFS, CLOSINGS:

ALPLA INC. in Cortland (Cortland County) will shut down by the end of 2022. Around

35 people work for ALPLA, supplying plastic containers for Voyant Beauty in Cortland (Cortland County). ALPLA is closing due to the closure of Voyant Beauty.

Clothing store BANANA REPUBLIC will be closing its store in Destiny USA mall in Syracuse (Onondaga County) on May 24, 2023.

A BED BATH & BEYOND store at 3409 Erie Blvd. East in DeWitt (Onondaga County) closed in April 2023.

The BURGER KING fast-food restaurant at 700 South Salina Street in Syracuse (Onondaga County) closed in September 2022.

It was reported on November 7, 2022, that a BURGER KING fast-food restaurant at 104 Elwood Davis Road in Salina (Onondaga County) recently closed.

CAZENOVIA COLLEGE in Madison County permanently closed after the spring 2023 semester. The school is a small liberal arts private institution that was founded almost 200 years ago. The closing is due to financial issues. The Pandemic, high inflation, and a shrinking student base are all contributing factors for the closing.

According to Syracuse.com, the college is the largest employer in the village of Cazenovia. According to a WARN notice filed with the state, a total of 552 employees will be laid off in four phases between June 25, 2023 and September 29, 2023. The school is assisting students with transferring to other colleges. The college's main campus and equestrian center are up for sale.

CHRISTMAS TREE SHOPS in Northern Lights Plaza in Mattydale (Onondaga County) will close in August 2023. The closing is part of a nationwide liquidation

plan for the discount home goods and seasonal decorative goods retailer.

Food distributor DELI-BOY INC. in Syracuse (Onondaga County) has filed a WARN notice informing the state that they will lay off 35 workers on August 29, 2022.

A DENNY'S restaurant at South Bay Road and Lawrence Road East in Salina (Onondaga County) permanently closed on September 27, 2022.

ECHOPARK AUTOMOTIVE, a large used-car dealership at 8010 Brewerton Road (Route 11) in Cicero (Onondaga County), closed on June 22, 2023.

FINGER LAKES ON TAP bar at 35 Fennell Street in Skaneateles (Onondaga County) will close in April 2023. The location is up for sale.

GAMESTOP closed its video game store in Cor Center Plaza at 3873 Route 31 in Clay (Onondaga County).

A JCPENNEY store in the Oswego Plaza on Route 104 in Oswego (Oswego County) will close by May 2023. A liquidation sale started in February 2023. The retail chain has suffered declining foot traffic and increased competition from online retailers for several years.

It was reported on November 21, 2022, that three Onondaga County JIMMY JOHN'S sub and sandwich locations look to be closed. The locations are at Circle Drive in Cicero, 103 Marshall Street in Syracuse, and 6570 Weighlock Drive near Carrier Circle.

KIRBY'S GRILL & TAPHOUSE restaurant at 408 E. Genesee Street in Fayetteville (Onondaga County) closed on October 9, 2022, due to staffing and other issues related

to the Covid pandemic. Kirby's other location at 2112 W. Genesee Street in Westville Plaza (Onondaga County) closed on October 30, 2022.

The LINDT CHOCOLATE SHOP candy store at Destiny USA mall in Syracuse (Onondaga County) closed on April 25, 2023.

LUIGI'S Italian restaurant at 1524 Valley Drive in Syracuse (Onondaga County) will close on August 27, 2023.

MELLO VELO restaurant and bar at the corner of Erie Boulevard and Walnut Street in Syracuse (Onondaga County) closed on October 29, 2022. The owners indicated that their growing family is forcing them to "scale back".

It was announced on April 14, 2023, that the health and wellness store NATUR-TYME in the Empire Plaza at 3160 Erie Blvd. East in DeWitt (Onondaga County) will close in the coming months. The closing is due to financial losses brought on by changing consumer behavior, the Pandemic and rising operational costs. The store has 30 employees.

OFFICEMAX/OFFICE DEPOT plans to close its Cicero (Onondaga County) retail office supply store at the end of March 2023. It is located at 5671 E. Circle Drive.

An OFF-TRACK BETTING PARLOR (OTB) location just off Route 481 in the village of Phoenix (Oswego County) and the PHOENIX SPORTS RESTAURANT located there closed on July 29, 2023.

The PEACE, LOVE, & CUPCAKES bakery at 121 West Fayette Street in Syracuse's Armory Square (Onondaga County) closed at the end of March 2023. The closing is

due to business challenges including rising prices due to inflation and the lingering effects of the Pandemic.

PEACHTREE SANDWICH COMPANY restaurant at 4461 E. Genesee Street in DeWitt (Onondaga County) closed on October 14, 2022. The closing is due to space constraints, staffing issues, inflation, and supply chain issues.

A WARN notice was filed with the state for RAMADA BY WYNDHAM that will be permanently closing on December 22, 2022. The hotel employs 123 people, and the closing is due to the property being sold. Employees are represented by UNITE HERE Local 150 union. The hotel is located at 441 Electronics Parkway in Liverpool (Onondaga County).

In January 2023, a RED LOBSTER seafood restaurant at 2965 Erie Blvd. East in Syracuse (Onondaga County) closed.

A WARN notice has been filed with the state for SPECIALTY WELDING AND FABRICATING OF NEW YORK INC. The metal fabrication business will close its plant on March 1, 2023, displacing 62 people. The plant is located at 1025 E. Hiawatha Blvd. in Syracuse (Onondaga County). The business is closing due to economic reasons.

SPECTRUM will close its call center at 6005 Fair Lakes Road in East Syracuse (Onondaga County) in late October 2023. The center employs 276 people. Calls will be transitioned to other Spectrum call centers. Up to 50 of the employees will transfer to Spectrum's call center in Syracuse. Employees can apply to open positions throughout the business. Laid off employees will be given severance benefits.

A STARBUCKS COFFEE shop at 290 West Jefferson Street in Armory Square in Syracuse (Onondaga County) closed due to safety issues. Employees were offered jobs at other nearby Starbucks locations.

STONE'S STEAKHOUSE restaurant at 3220 Erie Boulevard East in DeWitt (Onondaga County) closed on October 27, 2022. Reasons for the closing include health issues with the owner's family, staffing issues, rising costs, and supply shortages.

It was reported on October 4, 2022, that STORMING CRAB restaurant at 2841 Erie Blvd. East in DeWitt (Onondaga County) has permanently closed. The restaurant is part of a national chain featuring Cajun-style seafood.

ST. JOSEPH'S HEALTH AT HOME, a home health care agency, will close on October 23, 2023. The agency operates out of an office at 7246 Janus Park in Liverpool (Onondaga County). Economic challenges and the COVID-19 pandemic are reasons for the closing. Layoffs at the facility will impact 71 workers. Employees can apply to open positions within the St. Joseph's Health – Trinity Health network. Laid off workers will be eligible for a severance package.

In January 2023, TERAKEET laid off 64 employees from its outreach team. The layoffs include 25 employees in Syracuse, with the rest of the employees working remotely from locations throughout the country. The layoffs are due to a business strategy change. The company is a Syracuse-based (Onondaga County) search-engine technology firm. The company is headquartered in the Washington Station building at 333 W. Washington Street in Syracuse and employs more than 370 full-time employees across the country.

It was reported on October 18, 2022, that THE DISTILLERY sports bar restaurant at 3112 Erie Boulevard near Thompson Road East in DeWitt (Onondaga County) has closed.

TWO PIES GUYS pizza shops at 447 N. Main Street in North Syracuse and 3333 Milton Avenue in Fairmount (both in Onondaga County) have closed.

VALUE HOME CENTER in Shop City Plaza off Teall Avenue in Syracuse (Onondaga County) closed at the end of July 2023. The store sells home improvement products such as tools, paint, electrical supplies, furniture, and other products. All 18 employees are being offered jobs at other locations. The closing is due to rising rent at that location.

VOYANT BEAUTY, LLC in Cortland (Cortland County) closed on June 30, 2023. Voyant had two locations in the City of Cortland on Central Avenue and Huntington Street. They employed 320 people. The company also employed 150 people through staffing agencies. The company consolidated in a changing business environment. They produce small bottles of shampoo and soap for the hospitality sector.

WALGREENS drug store at 1405 E. Genesee Street in Syracuse (Onondaga County) closed on May 2, 2023.

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